

C H A P. VIII.

MR. and Mrs. Goodman were highly pleas'd with the fable, and Mr. Teachwell proceeded : My father now would have had me studied the law, but I having a natural antipathy to litigiousness, thought proper to decline that propofal, and if he was willing, fall into trade with him, as he was a merchant; this I did, but alas! how vain are all human pursuits, my father having on my account ventured pretty near all he had, in about two years time by losses at sea and failures of others, found himself a bankrupt, which so afflicted him and my mother, that they both in a twelvemonth died, leaving me pennylefs and friendless, no one to help me, except the Almighty, who is the friend to all, and has been so to me; for the master of the school of which

I am now master, taking me as an assistant and dying soon after, I gained it by election of the scholars for myself, and, thank God, live very comfortably. Having finish'd his history, Mr. Goodman settled with him in regard to terms for Two Shoes; and accordingly he the next day went to school, and at night gave Mr. Goodman a very good account how he had behav'd at school; among other things, he was mightily taken with his master's manner of teaching his pupils their letters, which was contrary to all others: 'tis the common method to learn children their A B C D E F G H I K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y and Z, strait forward, which they presently learn, but put the letters out of their common order, and scarce a child will know them, nor do they sometimes for years perhaps: Mr. Teachwell's method, tho' more puzzling at first, had this advantage that when once

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